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Troopers Will Be Out in Force during Spring Break *Targeting Problem Traffic Areas, 'Hot Spots'*

MONTGOMERY — Alabama state troopers and law enforcement agencies throughout Alabama will step up patrol activity statewide during the spring break period in an effort to promote roadway safety for spring break vacationers and all motorists.

Troopers will concentrate enforcement activity in problem, high-traffic areas or “hot spots.” They will target traffic violations such as speeding, driving while impaired and following too closely. They also will focus on enforcement of Alabama’s safety belt and child restraint laws and all other traffic laws during patrols and checkpoints.

Community Traffic Safety Program coordinators throughout the state, in conjunction with the Department of Economic and Community Affairs Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Section, will provide funding to support enhanced patrols and increased roadway safety during the period.

Public Safety Director Col. W.M. Coppage encouraged young drivers especially to drive safely at spring break, practicing courtesy toward other motorists and obeying all traffic laws. He urged them to buckle up, heed posted speed limits and to avoid driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs at all costs.

Coppage reminded teen drivers of the deadly consequences of driving under the influence and stressed that underage drinking is a crime. “No level of alcohol is acceptable for drivers younger than 21, and the penalties for impaired driving include losing the privilege to drive, possible fines and jail time,” said Coppage.

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